Weekly Column for July 3, 2006

Welcome to a special Monday morning edition of the Mayor's Weekly Column.

I want to wish everyone a Happy 4th of July and pass along some advice for the holiday. Please be safe and look out for your neighbors. We all understand that this is a great holiday that we all love to celebrate, but we must do so in the proper manner.

We have increased our police patrols, and will have a zero tolerance approach to fireworks and explosives throughout the City of Troy. Last year we saw an increase in both the usage of fireworks, and injuries related to them.

We expect a heavy volume of calls to the Police Department through the 4th, please be patient.

If you are looking to watch fireworks tomorrow, the Tri-City Valley Cats will have a great display in Troy following its 7 p.m. game against the Lowell Spinners. The City of Albany, and Watervliet will have fireworks displays as well.

Thank you and have a great holiday.

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